The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Tuesday, May 16, 1727.

From the St. James's Evening Post, May 9.

Hague, May 12.

WE long to know the final Resolution of the Imperial Court with Regard to the further Considerations and Demands of the Allies of Hanover, in Answer to the Emperor's Counter Proposals; for as they little differ from their Ultimatum, it may so happen, that all Negociations for an Accommodation may be entirely broke off, if his Imperial Majesty should be disposed to enter into Arguments upon the eight Articles last sent him; the Allies of Hanover having resolved not to suffer themselves to be amused any longer with vain Disputes, which seem to be the only Drift of the Baron de Fonseca's Conferences at the Court of France. Many People here are nevertheless perswaded of the Emperor's good Inclination to Peace, and believe he defers shewing it, only to gain Time to receive the Subsidies promised him by the Court of Spain, that so he may be reimbursed the Expences he has been at in Arming. But he is like to be disappointed of this Expectation; for tho' a Bill 180,000 Pistoles payable out of the Effects of the Flotilla, has been delivered into the Hands of Count Coningseck by Order of the King of Spain, the Payment of it is put off from Time to Time in such Manner, that he begins to dispair of receiving it at all.

Hamburg, May 2. The Letters from Stockholm of the 23d past say, that the General Baron Stakelberg, Governor of the Dutchy of Finland, who was then at the Court of Sweden, had received an Express sent by the Regency of that Dutchy, with Advice that some Russian Troops were beginning to be in Motion towards Wyburg; upon this his Swedish Majesty held a Council of War, and after having deliberated with them, Orders were sent into Finland for the marching of 1500 Foot and 300 Horse of the Troops of that Province to Wyburg.

Marseilles, May 7. Since my last, the Pacquet-boat hath returned back from Portmahon, to which Place she sailed again two Days ago, and in her went a great many English, among whom was a Messenger, who arrived here in 10 Days from England. Three French Men of War are ready to put to Sea from Toulon, two of which carry 80 Guns, and the other 70.

Gibraltar, April 10. O. S. Yesterday arrived here Collonel Cosby, with 500 Men from Portmahon. Our Garison is in great Spirit and perfect Order; and we do not in the least doubt, but the Spaniards will repent their undertaking this Siege.

Bologna, April 20. The Pretender, when he dismissed the Lord Hay and his Lady, made a Present to each of them of a Purse containing 300 Pistoles, to defray their travelling and other incident Charges to Madrid. 'Tis further said, that a certain Duke, accompanied by a Scots Collonel, was to set out Post from Madrid, as soon as he heard of this Alteration; and 'twas believed he was to be the Pretender's Secretary of State.

Worcester, May 4. We have an Account from Shetford near Bambury in Oxfordshire, that last Week there fell there Hailstones three Inches round, and an Oak Tree was split all to Pieces by the Lightning. From Burford they tell us the Hail Storm was so violent that it flooded the whole Town, and from Inkborow they write, That in the Hurricane the Earth was torn up near a Foot thick over the Green Wheat as if it had been newly ploughed.

From the Daily Journal, May 9.

Turin, April 19. 'Tis still unknown, whether his (Sardinian) Majesty will accede to the Treaty of Vienna or that of Hanover; and as 'tis believed that an Accommodation is near at hand, some People think his Majesty will accede to neither: And on that account it may be, that the Officers who were to raise 5 new Regiments, have been ordered to desist till furder Orders; and the Militia have been sent home.

Schaffhausen, May 1. Mr. de St. Saphorin, Minister of G. Britain, arrived here with his whole Family two Days since, and they all set out Yesterday from his Country Seat of St. Saphorin in the County of Berne. Several French Regiments are arri-

arrived at Huninghen in Alsace; but we hear of no Motion of these or any other French Troops in that Province: Neither do we believe that there have been any Negociations to exchange Alsace for Part of the Netherlands, as has been published in Holland.

From the Flying Post, May 4.

Paris, May 14. We are in a State of Uncertainty here with relation to Peace or War; and which of the two takes place, depends much on the Court of Vienna, but more on that of Madrid: For the latter being Master of the Money, seems to have that Ascendant over the Imperial Court usual in such Cases; so that the Compliment is paid to the Emperor, of the Hanover Allies waiting for his Imperial Majesty's final Determination upon their last Demand: 'Tis, in effect, staying for the Resolutions of the Court of Madrid; without which, the Imperialists seem determined not to add one Step, especially, not until they can find their Account in doing so.

From the Evening Post, May 9.

Paris, May 14. Directions have been given for leaving at Sedan the Horses, which were bought for the Guards, where they will take them as they march that way, to the Borders of this Kingdom. Orders have also been given to the Cavalry, not to put their Horses to Grass, that they may be the fitter for marching upon Occasion. On the 11th Instant the Duke de Bourbon set out from this Place, for Bourbon, where he designs to use the Waters for the Recovery of his Health; the Prince de Kurakin is gone thither also, one of the Sons of Prince Ragotski, who has been here some Time is gone thither also, one of the Sons of Prince Ragotski, who has been here some Time is gone away Post, but whither we know not.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, May 11.

Since our last arrived a Mail from Holland.

THE Lord Orkney we hear is declared General of all his Majesty's Foot Forces; and upon a Report raised, that Orders were given for sending 10,000 of them furthwith to Holland, the Stocks fell 2 per Cent.

But the Advices by the Holland Mail which arrived Yesterday, still keeps us in a State of Uncertainty. Those from Vienna say that the Emperor is more disposed than ever for having Peace preserved, and to that End will accept of the 2d Ultimatum of the Allies of Hanover without Alteration.

Whereas other Accounts from the same Place remark, That Preparations for War were carrying on with great Vigour throughout Germany, and that a magnificent Tent was making for Prince Eugene.

Those from Hanover relate, That great Preparations were making there for the Reception of his Britannick Majesty, who was expected about the middle of next Month: And that the Troops of that Electorate were in readiness to take the Field: But his Majesty's Speech to the Parliament at their Rising, which will be in a few Days, will set all those Matters, which are now under so much Doubt, in a clear Light, so as to be able to judge whether there will be War or Peace. And if it should be the former, we may be sure, it will be upon an honourable and just Foundation, and not from trifling Motives, as mentioned in the insolent Memorial delivered by Baron Palm the Emperor's Resident. And that the Allies of Hanover, among whom there is the most perfect Union, will not admit of any more Delays, on the Part of the Emperor and Spain.

The Earl of Orkney and Duke of Argile, Yesterday kiss'd his Majesty's Hand, the former upon his being appointed General of the Foot Forces, and the latter General of the Horse, and we are assured likewise, that the 2d Regiment of Foot Guards, Commanded by the Earl of Scarsburrow, and the Regiments of Horse of the Duke of Argile and General Wade, as also six of Dragoons, and several others of Foot, are ordered to be ready to embark by the 25th Inst. with a Train of Artillery, and Field Pieces. The best Way to Peace, when Reason cannot prevail is with Sword in Hand.

Ten Ships are on the Stocks fitting out for Privateers, or Letter-of-Mart-Ships, from 20 to 24 Guns each.

Yesterday the Lords heard again the Cause between Collonel Harrison Appellant, and Monsieurs Isaac Franks and Moses Hart Respondents and reversed the Decree.

The Clerk of the Crown attended the Commons, and amended the Writ for Petersfield. Both Houses adjourned till Friday.

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Yeſterday was injoined in the Court of King's Bench, an Iſſue at Law between the Reverend Mr. Cockman, who a few Years ago, was choſen Maſter of the Univerſity College in Oxford, Plaintiff, and the Vice-Chancellor, Doctors and Proctors of the ſaid Univerſity, Defendants, *viz.* Whether the ſaid College was founded by the Saxon King Alfred about the Year 880 or not? in order to determine the Viſitorial Right of the ſaid College. The Matter was very learnedly argued on both Sides, and it appearing by ſeveral Records in the Tower that the ſaid College was a Royal Foundation, and that Prayers had been uſed to be made for King Alfred as Founder. The oppoſite Party endeavoured to prove William of Durham to be Founder thereof. The Jury gave the Verdict for the Plaintiff; ſo that the Right of Viſitation of the ſaid College is in the King, and not in the Vice-Chancellor.

Letters from Spain and Portugal confirm the Accounts, of great Numbers of Spaniſh Privateers being fitting out to cruize upon the Engliſh.

From the St. James's Evening-Poſt, May 11.

Vienna, May 1. There is a great Talk here of electing a King of the Romans.

London, May 11. Preparations are actually making for his Majeſty's going to Hanover. We hear his Majeſty will land at Harburg, near Hamburg.

The Veſſels taken by the Spaniards at Sta. Crux, as mentioned in our former, were cutting of Fuſtick. The Spaniards Pretence for taking them was, That the Iſland belonged to the K. of Spain. They had no Account of the Siege of Gibraltar the 16th of March at Antegoa, nor the 26th at S. Chriſtopher's.

From the Whitehall Evening-Poſt, May 11.

Rome, April 26. Upon Advice that the Pretender had diſmiſſed the Lord Inverneſs and his Spouſe from his Service, and that he was diſpoſed to admit ſuch a Governor for his Son as the Court of Rome deſired, ſeveral Cardinals conferred laſt Saturday about Means for reconciling the Princeſs Sobieski with the Pretender, her Spouſe. If this happen, 'tis not known whether ſhe will go to Bologna, or the Pretender return hither. 'Tis ſaid Mr. Ellis, an Engliſhman, is to have the Education of the Pretender's Children, being gone Poſt to Bologna.

Petersburg, April 25. Six Regiments which lie near Riga, where Proviſions have been amaſſed for 30,000 Men for 2 Months, have Orders to embark on board the Galleys which lie at Anchor in the Dwina. Two other Regiments are to embark at Cronſlot; they are to join thoſe at Revel.

Paris, May 12. Letters from Madrid of the 29th paſt, import, that the Garriſon of Gibraltar had made a great Sally, but with what Succeſs, was not known.

Paris, May 17. Letters from Gibraltar of the 21ſt paſt, import, That the Place was battered with 60 Piece of Cannon, and 18 Mortars; That the Out-defences of the Land-gate were demoliſhed, and that the Beſiegers work'd continually to erect new Batteries, which would be ready to fire by the Beginning of this Month; That the Fire from the Place was terrible, and that the Beſiegers loſt between 25 & 30 Men every Night: However, their General hoped, that if the Mine ſucceeds, he would be able to deſtroy the Place in 8 Days; which the Beſieged very little fear, their Troops being in a good Condition, and numerous enough to repulſe ſeveral Salleys, even tho' the Mine ſhould have all the Effect the Beſiegers wiſh for. Admiral Wager has on board 600 Spaniards taken out of ſeveral Prizes. The King of Spain deſign'd to ſend 4 or 5 Battallions from the Gariſon of Ceuta to the Camp before Gibraltar, but could not becauſe of the Engliſh Squadron.

The Queen's Pregnancy is no longer doubted of. We impatiently expect the Return of two Couriers ſent to Vienna and Madrid, to know whether we ſhall have Peace or War.

London, May 11. The Succours ſtipulated in caſe of Need, to be granted to the States General, are, as we hear, ordered for Holland; and 'tis ſaid one of the Regiments of Foot Guards, and two Troops of Life-Guards, will be Part of the ſaid Forces.

We hear the Parliament will riſe on Friday next Week.

We hear that ſome more Men of War were this Day put in Commiſſion at the Admiralty-office.

Major Cochran is declared Lord Lyon King at Arms in Scotland.

From the Evening Poſt, May 11.

Leghorn, May 26. Letters from Portmahon ſay, That ſome Troops of that Gariſon having been ſent to Gibraltar, the Governor cauſed all the Houſes which ſtood before the Caſtle to be pull'd down, in order to prevent being ſurprized by the Spaniards,

ards, in case they should make a Descent upon that Island during the Siege of Gibraltar.

Brussels, May 12. The Lord North and Gray is gone to Aix la Chapelle, whither the Court of Vienna has, as we hear, sent Orders for preparing all Things necessary for a Congress, if the Allies of Hanover will agree to it.

Madrid, April 29. The Count de las Torres does write, That the Garison of Gibraltar having been reinforced with the last Convoy, made a vigorous Sally the 23d Inst. in which we have lost abundance of Men; but that before the Besieged could level the Trenches, a Detachment from the Camp relieved the Besiegers.

No Journal is allowed to be sent from the Camp.

Edinburgh, May 16. Yesterday the Rt. Reverend the General Assembly were all Day taken up in further hearing the Case of Professor Simson, and got a great Length in the Affair.

We see several Pieces published on the Subject, among the rest, one intituled, *Remarks on the Case of Professor Simson, &c.* The Author says, "That "the Professor, far from *being ready always to give an* "*Answer to every Man who should ask him a Reason* "*of the Hope that is in him, with Meekness and Fear*, "has exercised his *Metaphysical Head* in contriving ambiguous Sentences, and subtle Devices, "wrapping himself up in a Cloud of obscure Phrases and Distinctions, alledging in Excuse; That "the Words *Necessary Existence, &c.* are not the "Expressions of Scripture, nor of our Confession of "Faith, *&c.* The very Methods us'd by *Arius*, "and all other Hereticks: Which however the "Church in all Ages has laudably over-ruled, in "their Decrees, &c. in Words *proper* to oppose "Hereticks, tho' not *expressly* in the Scriptures; "That in stead of condemning these uncouth, if "not blasphemous Expressions, *Christus non est ens* "*necessarium*, and *Christus est Summus Deus* is to be "taken *cum grano salis*, he doth in a manner approve of them; That these who know him, do "see him one of the most subtle Men alive, who "can quibble and cut a Hair, with nice Distinctions and most groundless Suppositions, and hath "as much Art as ever Man had, in concealing Heterodox *Sentiments*, under a Pretence of adhering to orthodox *Expressions*; That the Professor "groundlessly calumniates the Presbytery, in saying, that they proceeded against him in the Method of *Inquisition*, that they acted contrary to "*Christ*'s Example, to the Apostle's Rule, contrary to their own Form of Process, contrary to "the Claim of Right, and the Privilege of Free-born Subjects. He concludes, with hoping we "shall be on our Guard, and so not be deceived "with P. *Simson*, as some Primitive Fathers and "Christians were with *Arius* and his Followers.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

[¶] There is to be sold, in the Shop at the Golden Ball in the Cowgate, a Parcel of extraordinary fine ENGLISH CHEESE, at very reasonable Rates.

¶¶ That the Danish Stallion called HAMLET, lately belonging to the Earl of Hadington, is now in the Possession of Alexander Dudgion Farmer in Tyninghame; and is to be let out at Guinea, and half a Crown to the Keeper the first Leap, and half a Guinea for every Leap afterwards: the said Alexander has likewise a gray Stallion of the Arabian Brood, that he lets out at a Crown a Leap, and Sixpence to the Keeper.

†§† That the Adventurers in the BANK OF SCOTLAND, in a General Meeting held the 3d Inst. did unanimously agree to raise a Tenth Part of their Capital Stock and did order the same to be paid in to their Treasurer on or before the 15th Day of June next: With Certification of Forfeiture, as contained in the Act of Parliament erecting the Bank.

[*] That there are several Fine COWS, of the largest English Brood, to be sold at Dryden. Any who have a mind to buy the same, may see them there.

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